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## **Approaches to New London Harbor**NOAA Chart 13212



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### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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### (Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)

Fishers Island is 6 miles long. The former Coast Guard station at East Harbor, about 1 mile from East Point of Fishers Island, is prominent. The radar antenna on Mount Prospect, near the west end of the island, south shore, is the most prominent landmark on Fishers Island from seaward. The south side of the island is fringed with foul ground which rises abruptly from depths of 42 to 48 feet, but by giving the shore a berth of 0.5

mile, all dangers will be avoided.

Race Point Ledge, partly bare at low water, extends about 0.2 mile southwestward from Race Point, the southwest extremity of Fishers Island, and is marked at its end by a buoy. Inside the buoy are boulders

with 2 to 9 feet over them. The passage between the buoy and Race Rock Light has very irregular bottom; the least depth is about 18 feet. It is suitable only for small vessels with a comparatively smooth sea.

Race Rock, on the northeast side of The Race, is nearly 200 yards in diameter, with a depth of 8 feet. A ridge with a least depth of 28 feet extends about 120 yards SSW of Race Rock. Another ridge, extending in a north-south direction with a least depth of 38 feet is about 320 yards east of Race Rock.

Race Rock Light (41°14'37"N., 72°02'50"W.), 67 feet above the water, is shown from a granite tower attached to a dwelling on a granite pier on the rock. A sound signal is sounded at the station. The sound signal is reported at times to be inaudible when a vessel is approaching from eastward and is close southward of Fishers Island.

**The Race**, the main entrance to Long Island Sound from eastward, extends between Fishers Island and Little Gull Island, between which is a width of about 3.5 miles. The only dangers are Valiant Rock, nearly in the middle, and Little Gull Island with its reefs.

**Little Gull Reef**, with little depth and foul ground, extends 0.3 mile east-northeastward from **Little Gull Island** and is marked at the northeast end by a buoy. Mariners are advised that the buoy is sometimes submerged by the strong current and deep-draft vessels should avoid this locality. **Little Gull Island Light** (41°12'23"N., 72°06'25"W.), 91 feet above the water, is shown from a gray granite tower, 81 feet high, attached to a red dwelling on a pier. A sound signal is at the light. The light and Race Rock Light are the guides, as soundings cannot be depended upon.

In passing north of Valiant Rock, vessels should keep from 0.5 to 0.8 mile southwestward of Race Rock Light, and craft passing southward of Valiant Rock should hold to a course about 1 mile northeastward of Little Gull Island Light.

**Cerberus Shoal**, 6 miles southeast of Race Rock Light, is about 0.4 mile in diameter, with a least depth of 19 feet on a small rocky patch near its north end. The seas break on this shoal during heavy swells. It is marked by a lighted gong buoy. Near the shoal, tide rips are unusually strong. **Great Gull Island**, 0.6 mile southwest of Little Gull Island, was formerly a military reservation, but is now privately owned. The pier on the north side is in ruins. A lookout tower on the island is conspicuous.

Valiant Rock, a least depth of 20 feet, is surrounded by shoal area, and the 10-fathom curve surrounding the rock marks the area which should be avoided by deep-draft vessels and preferably all vessels, on account of heavy swirls and rips. A lighted whistle buoy is northward of the rock. The Sluiceway, the passage between Great Gull Island and Plum Island, has several known dangers and very irregular bottom with boulders, and should be avoided. The velocity of the tidal current in the passage is 2.6 knots on the flood, and 3.2 knots on the ebb; flood sets 299°, and ebb 133°. Considerably higher velocities occur at times, and tide rips are very bad in heavy weather. Boulders covered 3 to 10 feet are between Old Silas Rock and Plum Island. Old Silas Rock, marked by a buoy, is awash at high water. Middle Shoal Rock, 0.3 mile northeastward of Old Silas Rock, has a depth of 8 feet.

Special anchorages are in Mumford Cove. (See 33 CFR 110.1 and 110.50c, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)
A special anchorage is on the north side of Pine Island. (See 33 CFR 110.1 and 110.51, chapter 2, for limits and regulations.)

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RCC Boston Commander

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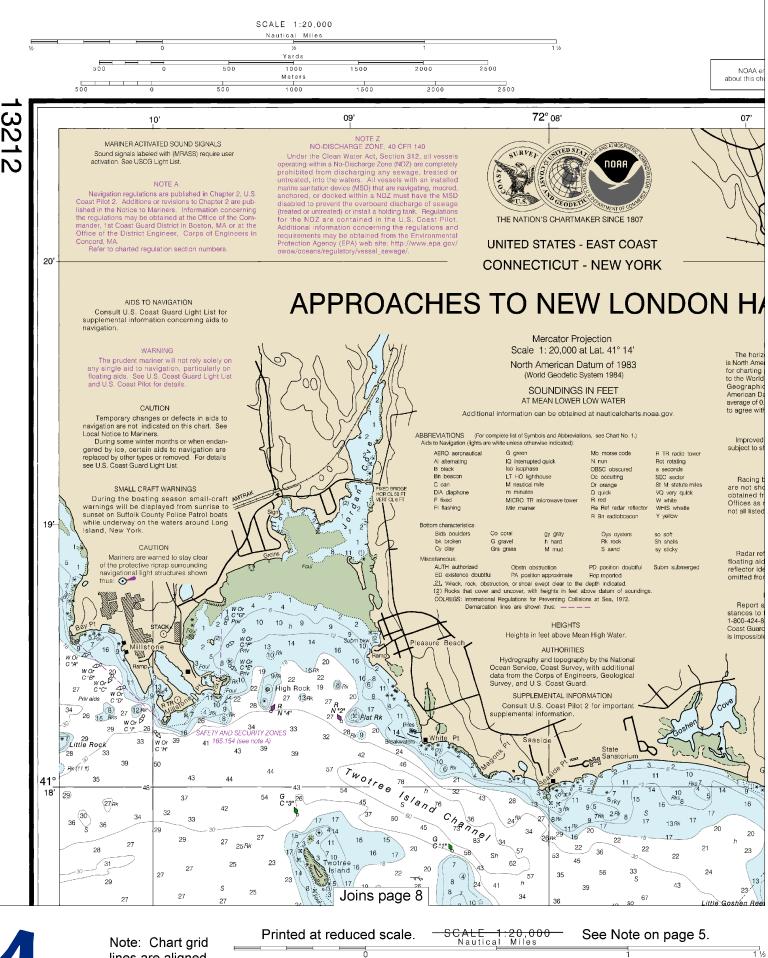
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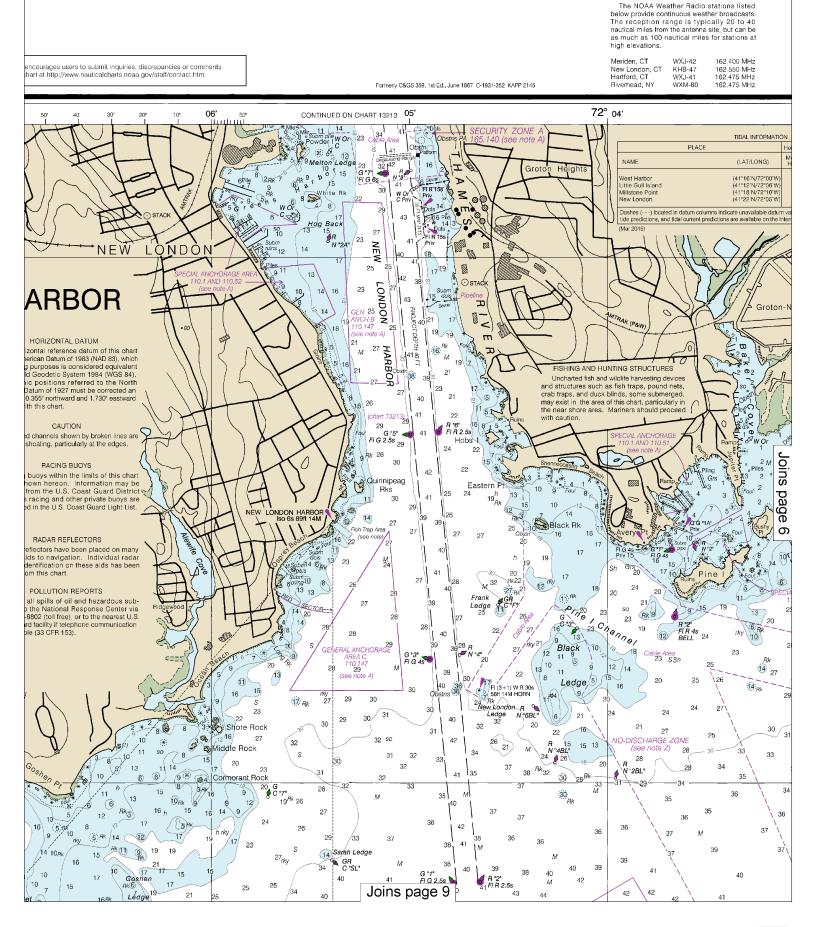
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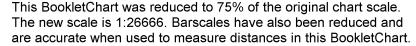




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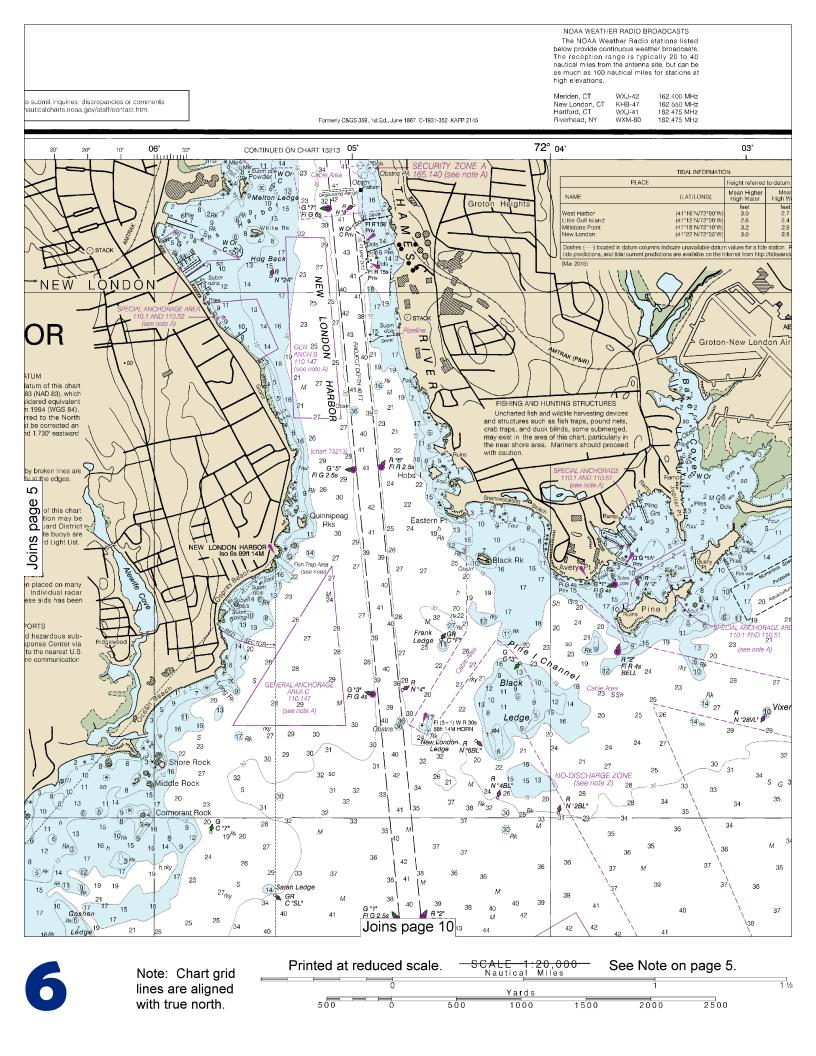








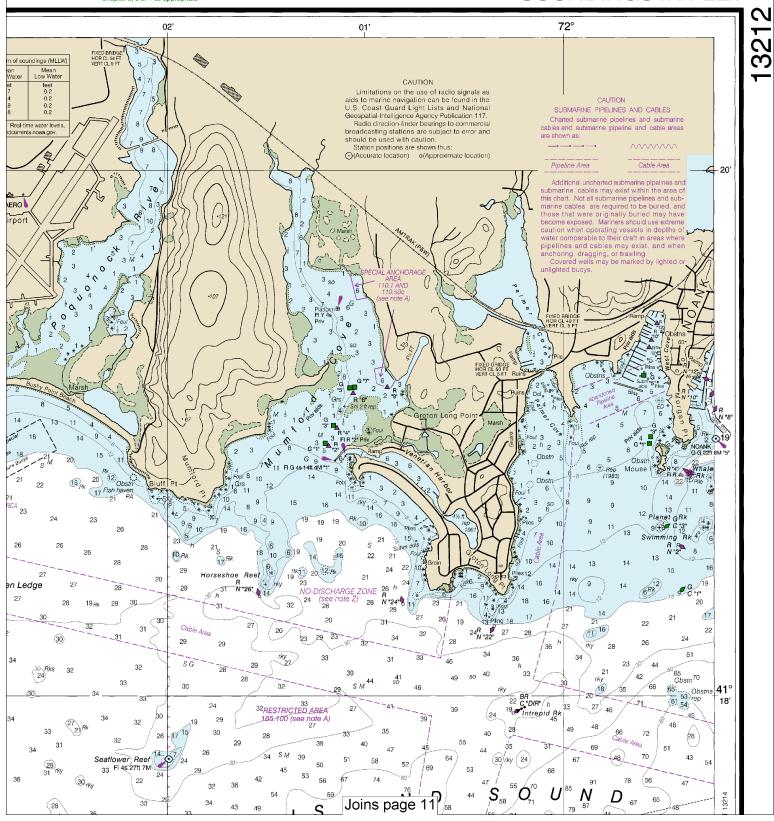
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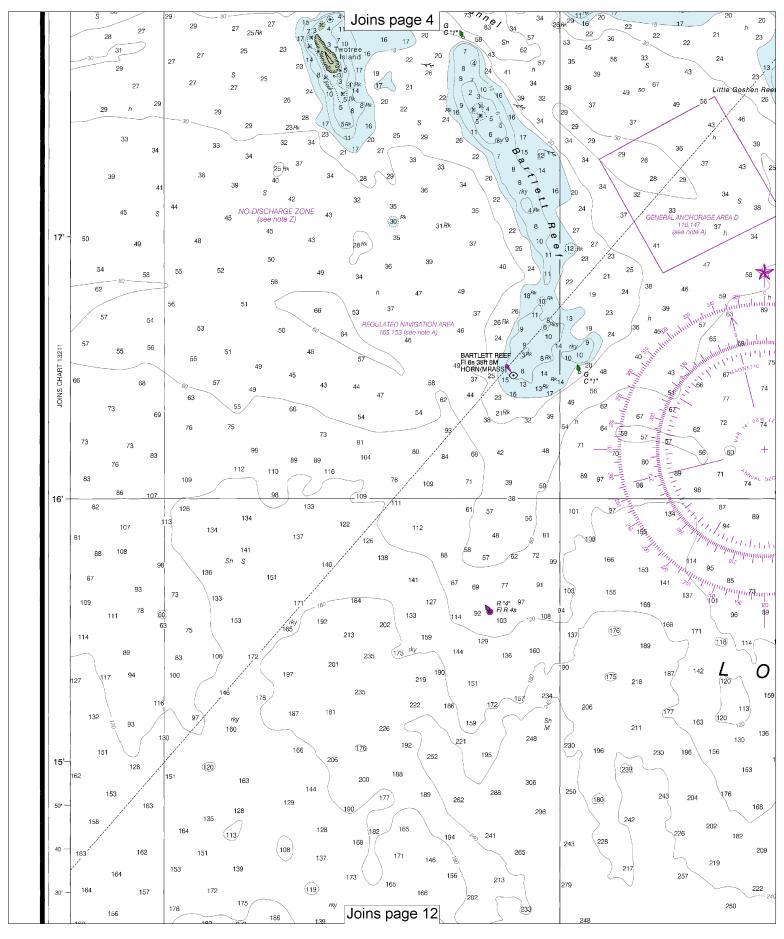
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Recommended vessel routes for deep draft vessels (including tugs and barges) entring and departing Rhode Island Sound, Narragamsett Bay and Buzzards Bay, While not mandatory, deep draft commercial vessels (including tugs and barges) are requested to follow the designated routes at the master's discretion. Other vessels, while not excluded from these routes, should exercise caution in and around these areas and monitor VHF channel 16 or 13 for information concerning deep draft vessels (including tugs and barges) transiting these routes. See U.S. Coast Pilot Volume 2. Chapter 5, 6 or 7 as appropriate.

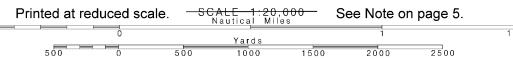
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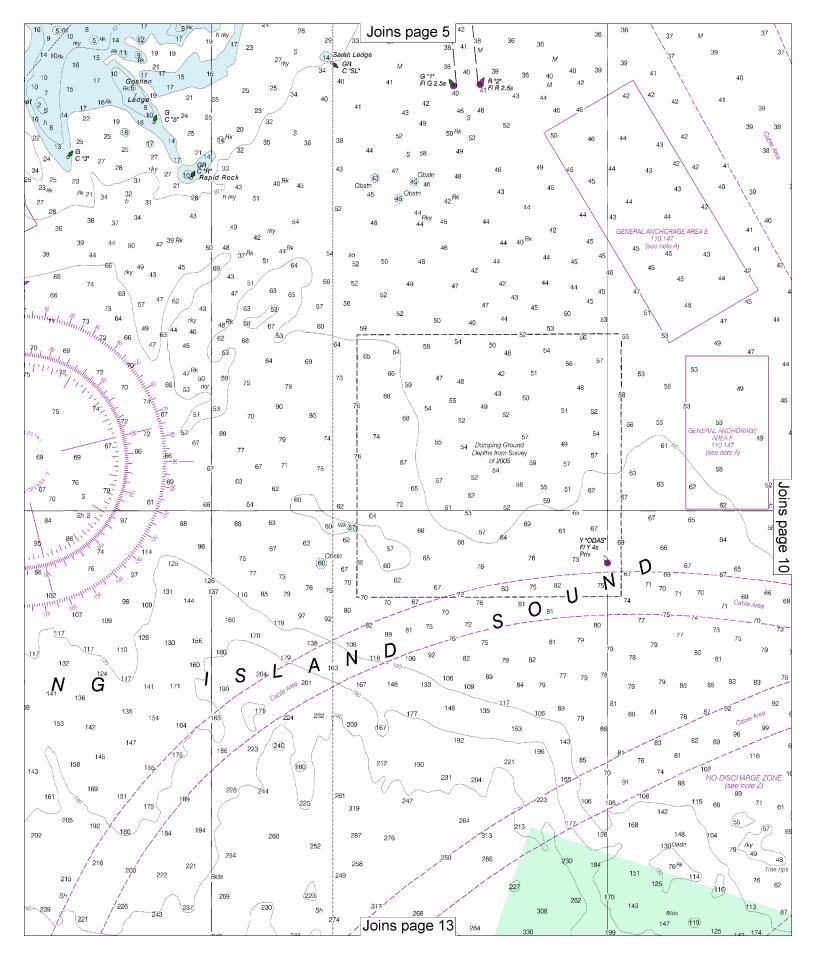


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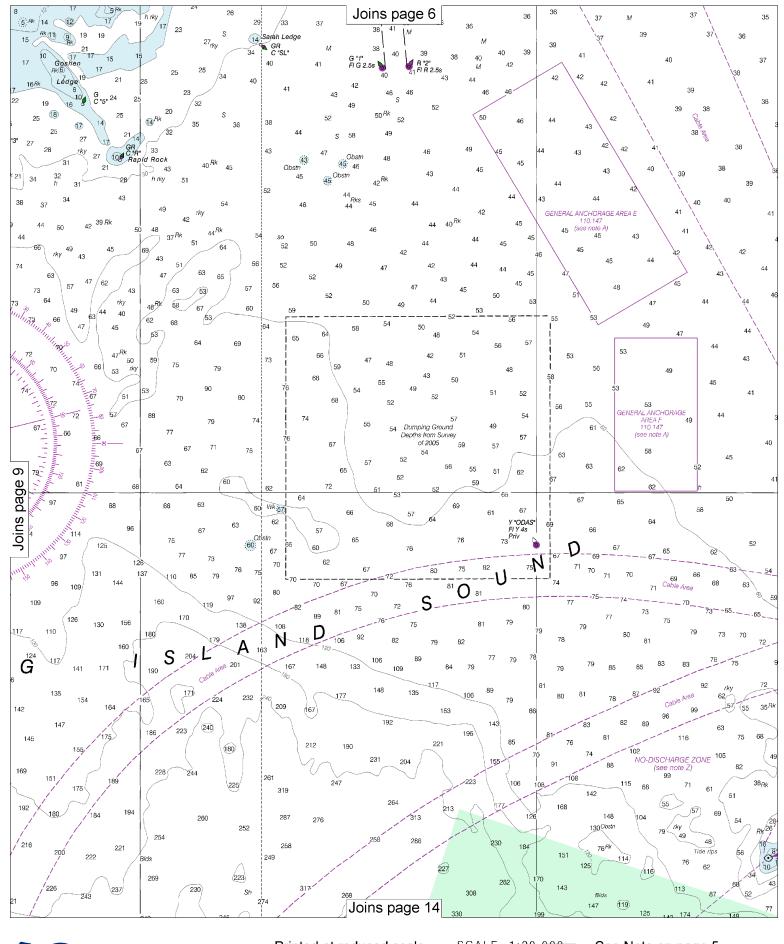


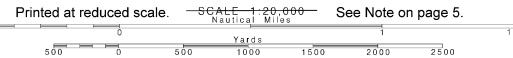


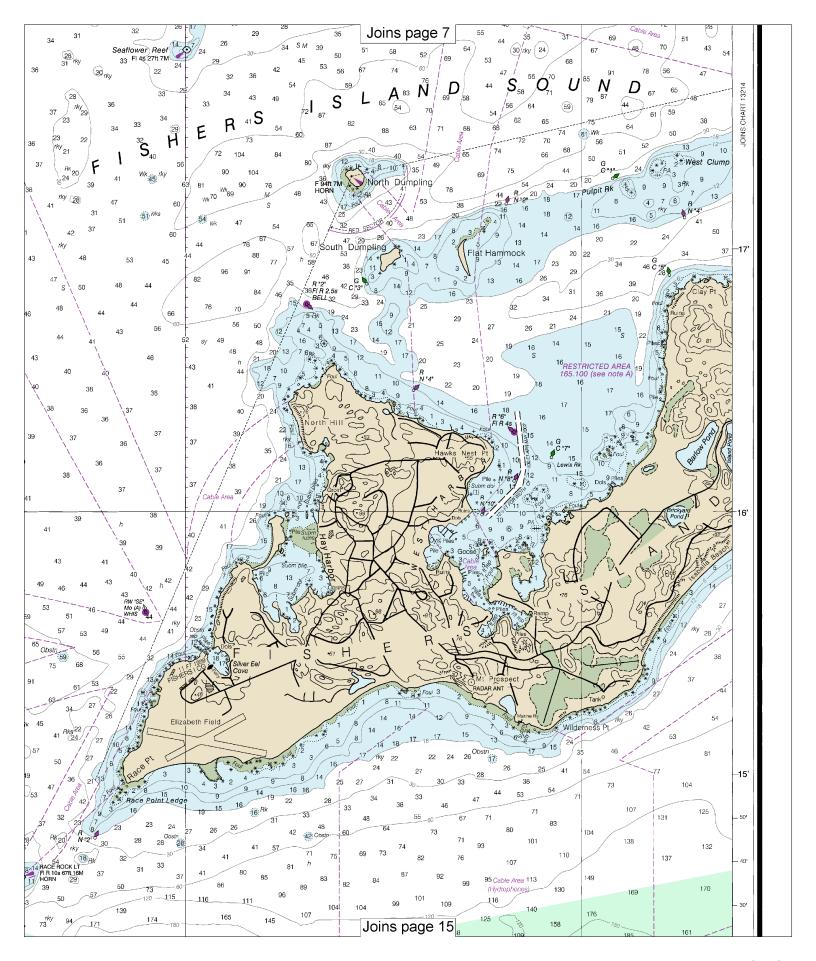


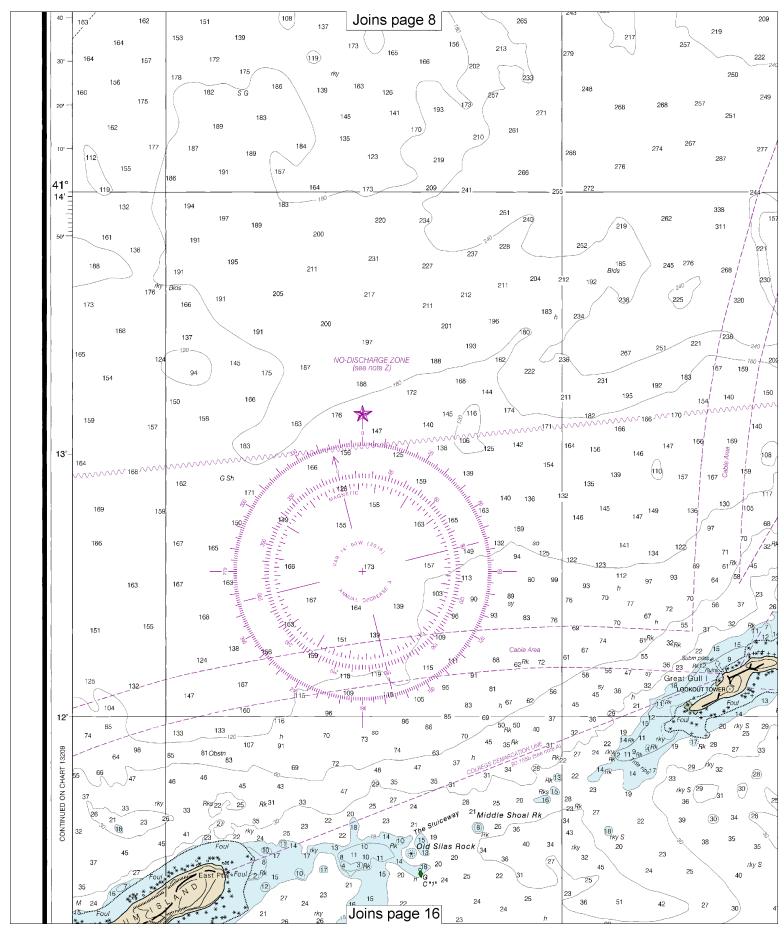


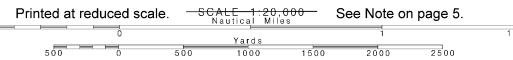


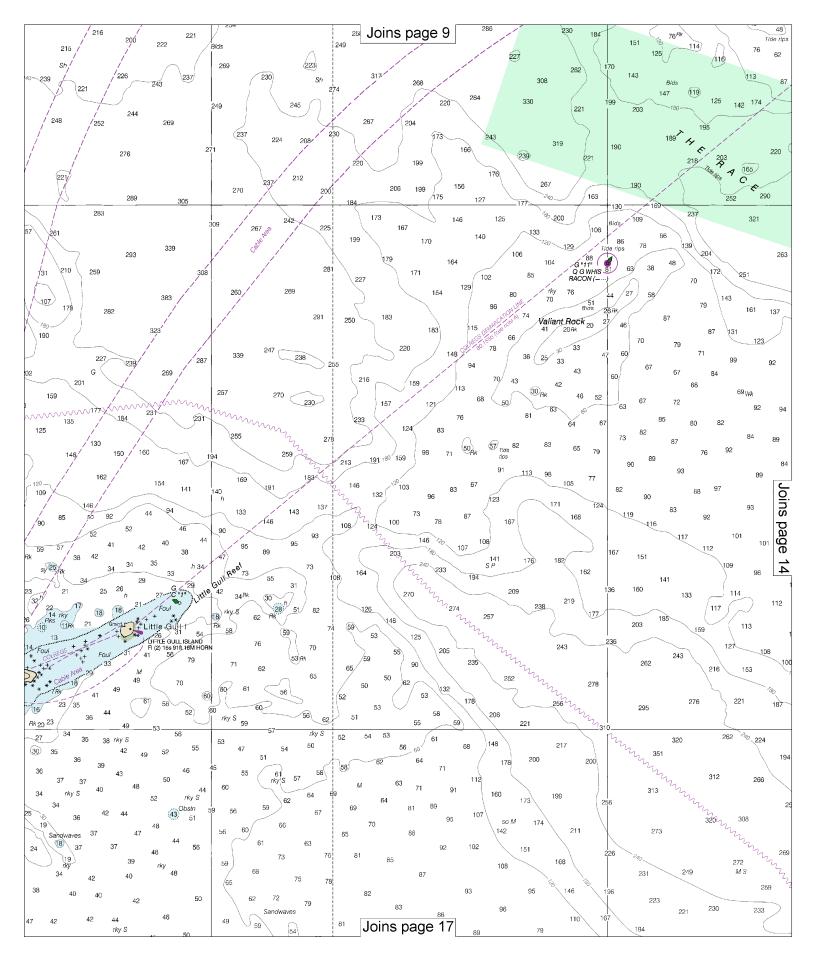


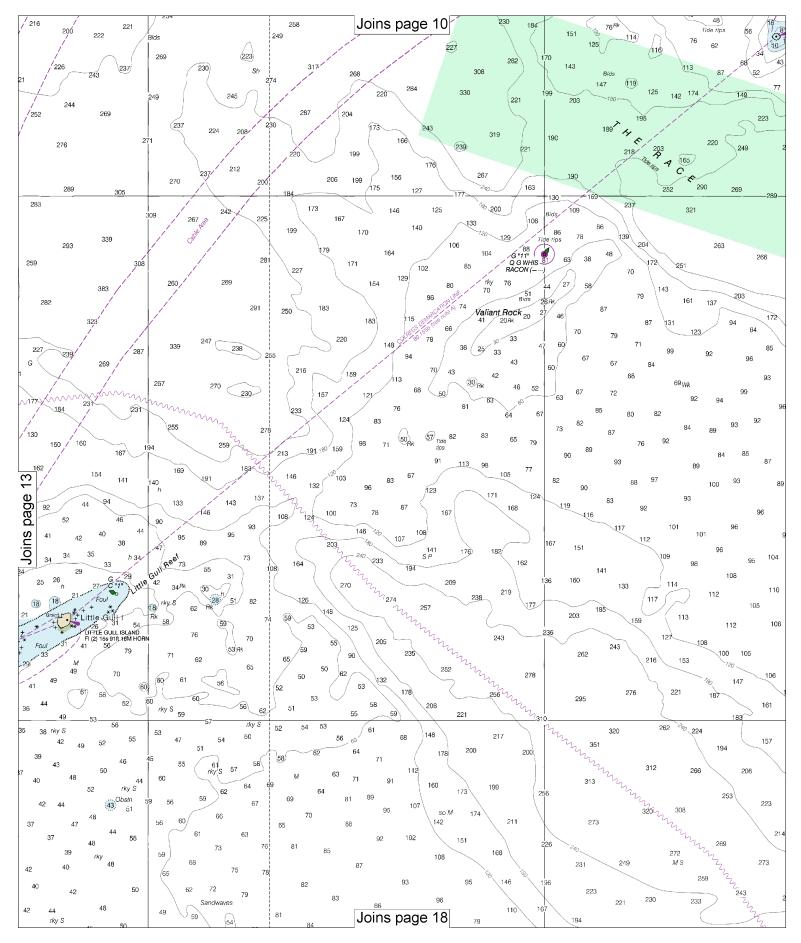


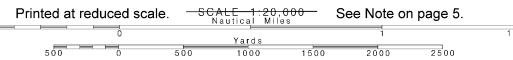


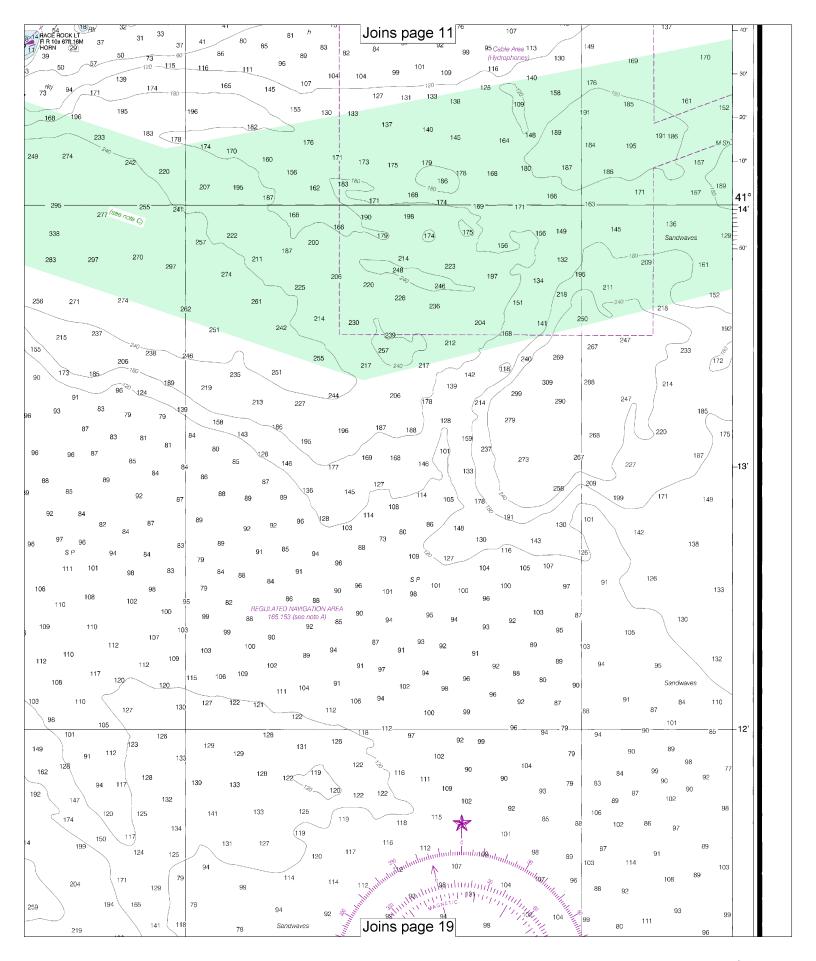


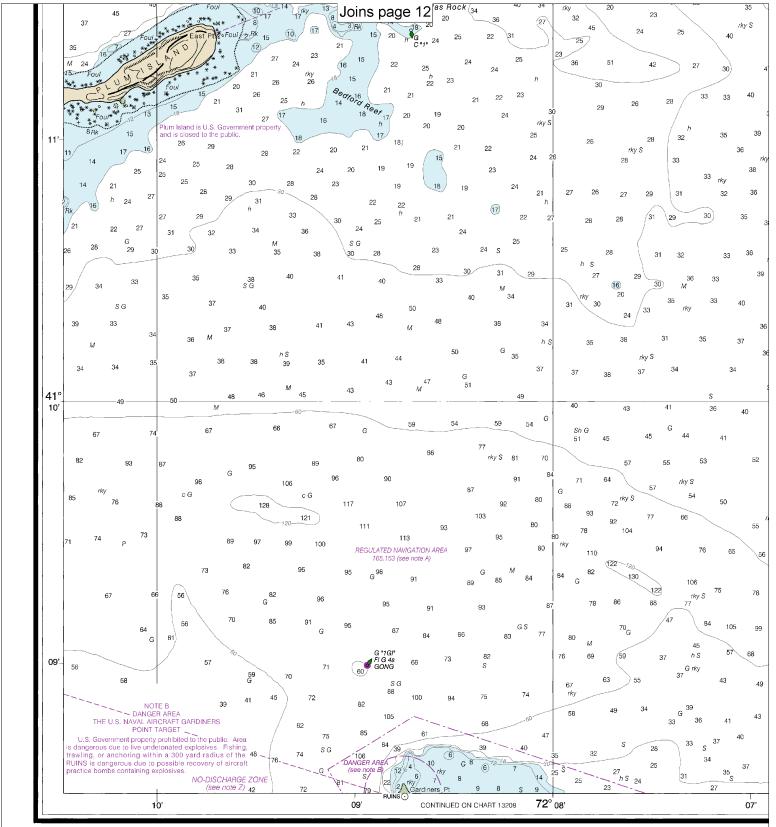












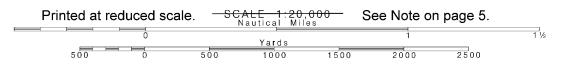
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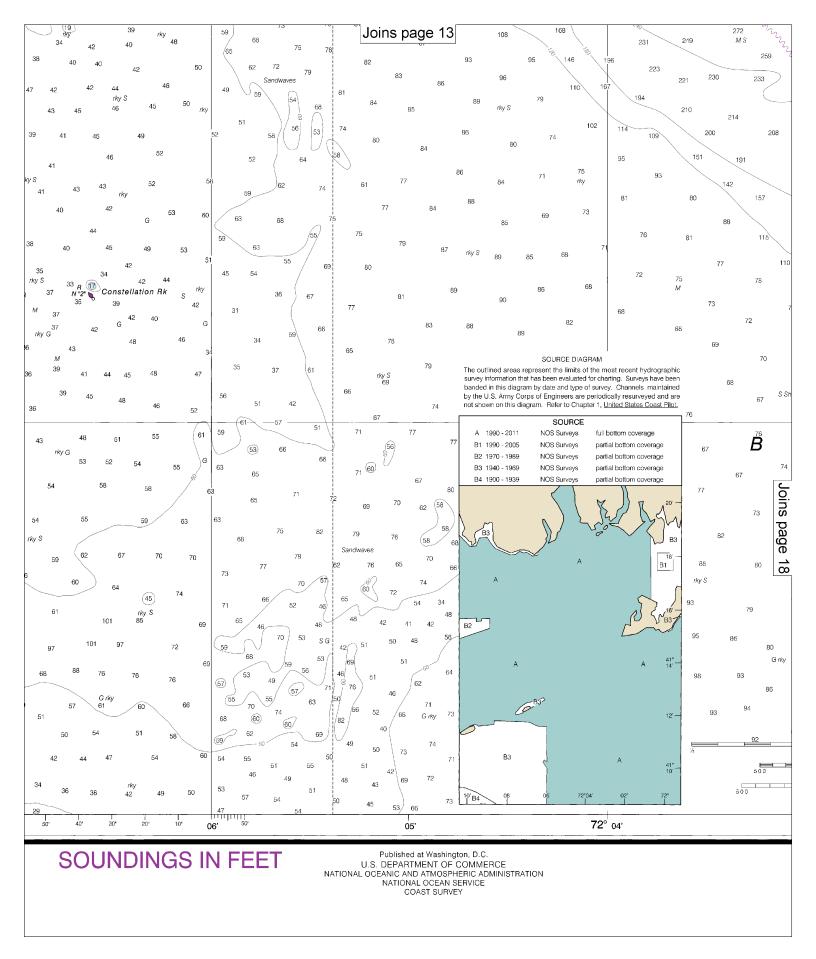
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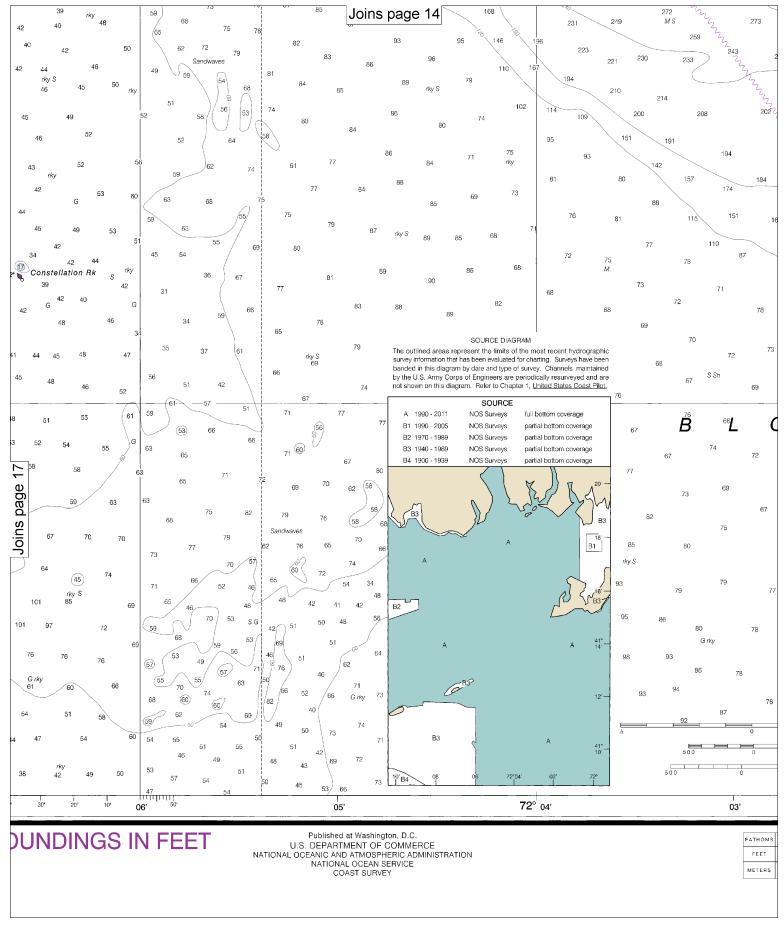
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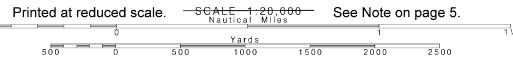
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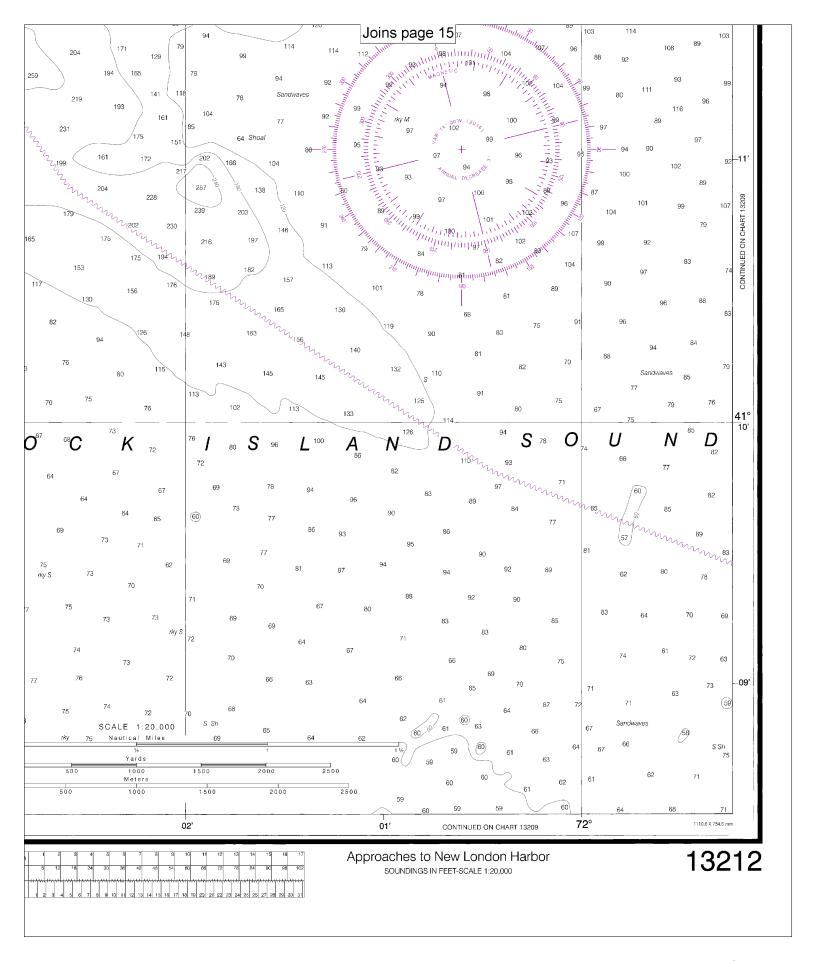
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### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



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